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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA
AT CHARLESTON

IN RE: ETHICON, INC., PELVIC) MASTER FILE NO.
REPAIR SYSTEM PRODUCTS LIABILITY) 2:12-MD-02327
LITIGATION) MDL 2327
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) JOSEPH R. GOODWIN
) U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE
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LINDA J. MADDING; et al.,)
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Plaintiff,)
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vs.) Case No. 2:12-CV-02512
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ETHICON, INC., et al.,)
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Defendants.)

VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF HUNTER A. MCKAY, M.D.

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Seattle, Washington

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1 surgical treatment of Mrs. Linda Madding?

2 A Yes.

3 Q And upon reviewing those records, did your memory become
4 refreshed as to when you first treated Mrs. Madding?

5 A Yes. Thank you.

6 The first encounter was in 2003, and the exact date
7 was November 10th, 2003.

8 Q I would like to direct your attention to Bates Page 64.
9 It may be helpful here.

10 A How do I find 64?

11 Mine go up to 48-- no, 50-- I don't go beyond 52.

12 Q Let me see.

13 A Unless they're out of order.

14 Q I was referring to the Bates label on the bottom.

15 It begins at 59, and then it ends at 94.

16 A Oh, all right. Well, I didn't know what the Bates system
17 was.

18 Q Okay. Is that clear now?

19 A Yes.

20 Q All right.

21 A Thank you.

22 Q So if you go to Bates Page 64--

23 A Yes.

24 Q Doctor, could you describe for the Ladies and Gentlemen
25 of the Jury why it is that Mrs. Madding first sought your

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1 treatment?

2 A Her symptoms were slow stream, difficulty emptying,
3 intermittency, urinary frequency, and she also had
4 evidence of urinary retention, and I believe urodynamic
5 evidence of an obstructive voiding pattern.

6 Q And did she receive a set of diagnoses by you as a result
7 of those symptoms?

8 A Yes. I felt that she had obstruction due to her TVT
9 tape.

10 Q And what did you note underneath the urologic impression
11 there at the time?

12 A Urinary retention, overactive bladder, and status post
13 TVT.

14 Q Could you describe urinary retention for us?

15 A In the normal course of voiding, most folks empty all but
16 30 milliliters or less. That is their residual, is 30
17 milliliters or less. That is considered normal.

18 Anything greater than that is, to some degree,
19 urinary retention.

20 It can be very mild, can be over a thousand
21 milliliters.

22 Q What about Mrs. Madding allowed you to conclude that she
23 was retaining urine?

24 A I think she had evidence of retention from Dr. Sleeter's
25 office.

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1 obstructive uropathy of the urethra due to mechanical
2 obstruction.

3 Q So if I understand you correctly, you attempted to treat
4 some of her symptomatology with medication, but not the
5 urinary retention symptoms, correct?

6 A Well, antibiotics and anticholinergics may be helpful for
7 some of these symptoms, but the main culprit here was
8 obstruction, but we didn't know that for sure, and indeed
9 she went three years after Dr. Sleeter's operation before
10 she needed the takedown, so some patients only go three
11 months and they need the takedown of the TVT.

12 Q There is something I would like to clear up here.

13 You said that she was experiencing retention she
14 ultimately concluded was due to the TVT sling device,
15 correct?

16 MR. JOHNSON: Object to form.

17 You can still answer.

18 THE WITNESS: Yes, so a little
19 confusing to me as far as exactly what answer to offer
20 you.

21 Could you repeat the question?

22 Q (By Mr. Kramer) I was just trying to summarize something
23 that you also said.

24 A Oh.

25 Q I was asking-- you ultimately concluded she was

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1 experiencing urinary retention due to the TVT sling
2 device, correct?

3 MR. JOHNSON: Object to the form.

4 You can answer.

5 THE WITNESS: Let me rephrase your
6 statement of what you thought I said.

7 MR. KRAMER: Sure. Go ahead.

8 THE WITNESS: The assumption, before
9 going to the operating room, was that she had obstructive
10 uropathy, and that she had a good chance of improving if
11 we removed the obstructing TVT.

12 The proof of that was her clinical improvement after
13 the procedure, so perhaps that answers the question.

14 The presumption is not a fulfilled hypothesis until
15 the clinical results are in.

16 Q (By Mr. Kramer) That gives us a place to move forward.

17 To say that the TVT was causing obstruction was not
18 to say that you thought the Ethicon TVT device was
19 defective as of March 2005, right?

20 A I would agree with that statement.

21 Q And so that also means that in March of 2005 you would
22 not have told Mrs. Madding that the Ethicon TVT device
23 was defective, correct?

24 MR. JOHNSON: Object to the form.

25 THE WITNESS: I don't think I would

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1 have said-- I would have used those words, no.

2 Q (By Mr. Kramer) Sitting here today, do you think that
3 the Ethicon TVT device is a defective product?

4 A In the case that we are speaking about, Linda Madding, I
5 do not believe the TVT is defective.

6 Q As we just discussed, you ultimately recommended a
7 surgical takedown of the Ethicon TVT device for
8 Mrs. Madding's symptoms, correct?

9 A Yes.

10 Q And so could you describe what a TVT takedown surgery
11 would involve?

12 A Yes.

13 "Takedown" is a bit of a misnomer, but basically, if
14 you can imagine a garden hose and then put a horseshoe
15 underneath it, with the open end up, what we do is we
16 take out that portion of the horseshoe that is beneath
17 the garden hose, which is the portion of the tape which
18 is beneath the urethra, and that is what we do.

19 We don't remove the entire tape for obstruction
20 because there's usually no need to do that.

21 Q And so how much of the tape would you say you removed?

22 A Oh, maybe three centimeters, two to three centimeters
23 typically.

24 Q And how-- strike that.

25 Do you know how much of the tape would be left

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1 Q Does it appear to be an accurate reflection of a record
2 that you yourself authored?

3 A Yes.

4 Q And is this the type of record that would be kept in the
5 ordinary course of business at a medical practice?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Doctor, did you consider Mrs. Madding's March 2005
8 surgery a success?

9 A This report of April 6th, 2005 suggests that it was,
10 since she was quite a bit improved.

11 Q And which of the symptoms specifically do you note that
12 the March 2005 surgery helped resolve for Mrs. Linda
13 Madding?

14 A Well, she had been getting up a couple of times at night
15 having difficulty emptying, large residuals, frequency,
16 and urgency, and my statement of April 6th says that all
17 her symptoms improved, and her residual, instead of being
18 345, was now zero, so she was emptying better.

19 Q It seems like there was a pretty dramatic amount of
20 improvement after your surgery of Mrs. Madding in March
21 of 2005.

22 Is that correct?

23 A I think so.

24 Q Were there any symptoms at all that still remained that
25 may have not been treated by the March 2005 TVT takedown

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3 occasional urge incontinence. That's an overactive
4 bladder symptom, as we discussed earlier, but it has been
5 occasional only, and so she was only wearing pads for
6 security, not for repetitive need to change garments.

7 That's not uncommon after any sort of urologic
8 procedure on the lower tract, that patients will have
9 gradual improvement of their symptoms as things heal.

10 Q Doctor, to your knowledge, did Mrs. Madding have any
11 complications related to her March 2005 surgery?

12 A Not that I'm aware of.

13 Q Doctor, when was the last time that you saw Mrs. Madding,
14 to your memory?

15 A I think April 6th, 2005.

16 Q And--

17 A Correct me if I'm wrong.

18 Do you have records that state anything further
19 beyond that?

20 Q I think the March 6th, 2005 record indicates, at the very
21 bottom, that you told her to return on an as-needed
22 basis, right?

23 MR. JOHNSON: You mean April 6th?

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1 done TVT revisions?

2 A Six to ten.

3 Q What has been the reason for those revisions, if you can
4 recall?

5 A Retention, erosion, bowel perforation requiring
6 laparotomy.

7 Mostly erosion.

8 Q Can you just tell the jury what erosion is?

9 A If the vaginal epithelium does not heal over the tape,
10 the tape is visible and palpable and present during
11 intercourse and can be the source of chronic pain,
12 drainage, frequency, urgency, urinary infections.

13 Q You saw Mrs. Madding on, I think, four different
14 occasions or five different occasions.

15 At any time when you evaluated her, was there ever
16 any evidence of erosion?

17 A No.

18 Q Was there ever any evidence of the vaginal epithelium not
19 healing over the tension-free vaginal tape?

20 MR. KRAMER: Objection; form.

21 THE WITNESS: No.

22 Q (By Mr. Johnson) Was there ever any evidence that-- of
23 exposure during the times that you evaluated
24 Mrs. Madding?

25 A No.

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1 Q In your evaluations of Mrs. Madding, they would have
2 included pelvic examinations, correct?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Was one of the things that you were specifically looking
5 for, evidence of any erosion or exposure of the
6 transvaginal tape?

7 A Yes.

8 Q And at no time did you find any?

9 A I did not.

10 Q Now, I am going to turn to your care and treatment of
11 Mrs. Madding.

12 I believe, during Counsel's questioning, we
13 established that your first treatment was in November
14 2013, correct?

15 A Yes.

16 Q And your last treatment was in April of 2005?

17 A Yes.

18 (Exhibit No. 7 marked
19 for identification.)
20

21 Q (By Mr. Johnson) I am going to hand you what we've
22 marked as Exhibit No. 7.

23 Can you just identify this document for the jury?

24 A This is a consultation letter sent to the primary care
25 doctor, Dr. Julie Komarow, dated November 10th, 2003, and

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1 Q And my question-- because of time, I was trying to get to
2 the end.

3 Did you have a final diagnosis at the end of your
4 treatment of her, as to what her diagnosis had been?

5 MR. KRAMER: Objection; form.

6 THE WITNESS: Again, I am thinking out
7 loud here when I say "working diagnosis," meaning, "I'm
8 not sure exactly what's going on. Let's see if treatment
9 is successful in a fashion that would cement the
10 diagnosis of urethral syndrome."

11 Say the antibiotics work or cystoscopy with urethral
12 dilatation improved the patient's symptoms, then we would
13 say, "Well, this is not mechanical. This is something
14 that is related to inflammation."

15 Q (By Mr. Johnson) So you prescribed some antibiotics?

16 A Yes, we decided to try that.

17 Q And did those work?

18 A No, not to my knowledge, because she obviously came back
19 and still had some problems.

20 Q Was there any evidence, as of this time, November 10,
21 2003, that the mesh was infected?

22 A No.

23 Q Was there any evidence at any time, in your care and
24 treatment of Mrs. Madding, that the mesh was infected?

25 A No.

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1 A Yes.

2 Q During your surgery did you find any evidence of erosion
3 or exposure of the mesh?

4 MR. KRAMER: Objection; form.

5 THE WITNESS: No.

6 Q (By Mr. Johnson) During your surgery did you find any
7 evidence that the mesh was infected?

8 A No.

9 Q Did you find any evidence of any visible infection at the
10 mesh site?

11 MR. KRAMER: Objection; form.

12 THE WITNESS: No.

13 Q (By Mr. Johnson) Did you find any evidence that the mesh
14 had degraded in Ms. Madding's body?

15 MR. KRAMER: Form.

16 THE WITNESS: I don't know that I
17 would be able to identify what degradation of mesh would
18 look like, but to answer your question, I did not find
19 any evidence of that.

20 Q (By Mr. Johnson) Did you find any evidence that the mesh
21 that was being removed had curled in her body?

22 MR. KRAMER: Objection; form.

23 THE WITNESS: It's not mentioned in
24 the operative report.

25 Q (By Mr. Johnson) Is that something you would typically

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1 mention, if you had noted curling of the mesh?

2 MR. KRAMER: Objection; form.

3 THE WITNESS: I believe I would.

4 Q (By Mr. Johnson) Did you-- is there any-- was there any
5 evidence, at the time of surgery, that the mesh had
6 roped?

7 MR. KRAMER: Objection; form.

8 THE WITNESS: I don't know what
9 "roped" means.

10 Q (By Mr. Johnson) I think it kind of spins on itself like
11 a rope.

12 A No, I did not.

13 Q Is that something that you would have noted if you had
14 seen it?

15 MR. KRAMER: Objection; form.

16 THE WITNESS: Probably.

17 Q (By Mr. Johnson) Was there any evidence, Dr. McKay, of
18 any fraying of the mesh?

19 MR. KRAMER: Objection; form.

20 THE WITNESS: It's not mentioned, so I
21 have no independent recollection.

22 Q (By Mr. Johnson) Is that something that you would
23 typically mention if you saw that?

24 MR. KRAMER: Objection; form.

25 THE WITNESS: Perhaps.

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1 Q (By Mr. Johnson) During your surgery and removal of the
2 mesh, did you see any abnormality of the mesh?

3 MR. KRAMER: Objection; form.

4 THE WITNESS: I only have my operative
5 report to go by, and there's no mention of it, so--

6 Q (By Mr. Johnson) Would it be your typical custom and
7 practice, if you did see an abnormality in the mesh, to
8 make a note of that in your operative report?

9 MR. KRAMER: Objection; form.

10 THE WITNESS: Probably.

11 (Exhibit No. 14 marked
12 for identification.)
13

14 Q (By Mr. Johnson) And then just handing you what we
15 marked as Exhibit No. 14, does this appear to be a true
16 and correct copy of the anesthesia record for your
17 surgery of March 1st?

18 A Yes.

19 Q And does that indicate the time the surgery started?

20 A Yes.

21 Q And what time was that?

22 A 0900.

23 Q And when was the surgery finished?

24 A 0953.

25 Q So the surgical time for you as a surgeon was 53 minutes

1 (Exhibit No. 19 marked
2 for identification.)
3

4 VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on the
5 record. The time is 1:25 p.m.

6 Q (By Mr. Johnson) Doctor, I am handing you what we've
7 marked as Exhibit No. 19, which I believe are notes that
8 you brought with you to the deposition today.

9 Are these notes that you made in preparation for the
10 deposition so you could know landmark dates and times?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And does it also indicate some of the time that you spent
13 on the case?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Okay. Now I am going to change the subject back to your
16 informed consent that you gave to Mrs. Madding before
17 actually performing the surgery.

18 That's an informed consent you would have given on
19 February 14th, 2005; is that right?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Did you indicate to Mrs. Madding, at that time, what the
22 alternatives were for her, if any?

23 A Well, we had exhausted the conservative options, and of
24 course there's always the option of no surgery.

25 I never insist that a patient undergo a surgical

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1 procedure.

2 Q At that point in time had you concluded, based upon your
3 review of Dr. Sleeter's records, your own evaluation,
4 care, and treatment of Ms. Madding, that it was likely
5 that there was an obstruction of the urethra that was
6 causing the retention, and that that obstruction was due
7 to the presence of the mesh?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Did you tell her that?

10 MR. KRAMER: Objection; form.

11 THE WITNESS: I don't have an
12 independent recollection, so I don't know what I told
13 her. I can only refer to the notes.

14 Q (By Mr. Johnson) Based upon your normal custom and
15 practice, is that something that you would typically
16 discuss with a patient before doing a surgery?

17 MR. KRAMER: Objection; form.

18 THE WITNESS: I am not sure what the
19 word "that" refers to.

20 Q (By Mr. Johnson) Well, okay, let me ask a specific
21 question--

22 A Rephrase, please.

23 Q In the context of a patient similar to Ms. Madding, who
24 has a TVT placed, has several years of retention, and
25 continues with those retention symptoms, you've tried

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1 conservative attempts with medication, you tried
2 conservative attempts with dilation, and you've concluded
3 that it's probably some kind of mechanical obstruction of
4 the urethra that's causing the retention, based on your
5 custom and practice would you tell the patient that
6 that's what you think is probably going on?

7 MR. KRAMER: Objection; form.

8 THE WITNESS: I think we would have a
9 frank discussion about the likely diagnosis, which is
10 obstruction, and the likely culprit being the previous
11 TVT.

12 Q (By Mr. Johnson) I think you indicated-- during your
13 prior testimony, when you were asked by Counsel, you
14 indicated that in this particular case you don't believe
15 that this obstruction occurred because the TVT was
16 defective; is that correct?

17 A I would say there was no apparent defect of the material.

18 Q And I just have-- I wrote down in my notes that-- I have
19 a quote, "In the case we are talking about, I do not
20 believe it was defective," end quote.

21 When you were referring to it, are you just
22 indicating that you are not aware of any defect in the
23 product that caused her retention?

24 A Yes.

25 MR. JOHNSON: That's all I have.

EXHIBIT 23

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RE: LINDA J. MADDING

Dear Julie:

Mrs. Madding is on the schedule for a "take down" of her TVT on March 1. Hopefully we can afford her some measure of relief, especially given her large residual urines, including today's value of 348 mL. I discussed with her the very slight risk of worsening continence and the remote risk of urethral vaginal fistula. I will keep you posted as events unfold.

Best personal regards,

Hunter A. McKay, M.D., F.A.C.S.

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cc: Tamara Sleeter, M.D.

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